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DETECTING PARATHYROID HORMONE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS 313(c) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the claims. This amendment is filed concurrently with a Petition to Withdraw Application from Issuance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313(C)(2).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.